

# STOP THE INVASION- REPORT THIS PEST

## **Parkinsonia**

Maui County Priority Pest for Maui, Lanai, and Molokai:

**Parkinsonia (*Parkinsonia aculeata*)** is considered one of the worst weeds of Australia. This small tree thrives in the same coastal and dry areas that kiawe (*Prosopis pallida*) grows. Parkinsonia is not known to currently grow in Maui County.

### **Identification**

**Height-** up to 7.6 m (25 ft)

**Leaves-** Distinctive feathery leaves formed by long flat spine-like stems with 22-30 pairs of small leaflets; 25-40 cm (10-16 in) long

**Flower-** Yellow

**Seeds-** Green with brown or purple spots in pods 5-20 cm (2-8 in) long

**Stems-** Covered in thorns



Distinctive feathery leaves



Detail of zig-zag stems/plants



Parkinsonia trees have a wispy look

### **Don't mistake parkinsonia for these look-alikes:**



### **Kiawe (*Prosopis pallida*):**

Kiawe is the ubiquitous thorny mesquite that is found in dry and coastal areas of Maui County. Kiawe can be differentiated by its rounded leaflet stems and yellow catkin type flowers.



Yellow catkin type flower

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